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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A surroundings exhibiting system for use in a transportation device , the surroundings exhibiting system comprising:

an image capturing section arranged to capture a multi-directional image of the surroundings of the transportation device;

a display section arranged to display at least a portion of the multi-directional image captured by the image capturing section;

a door sensor arranged to detect ~~an unlocking of a door and/or an opening or closing of the door~~ at least one of unlocking a door, opening the door, and closing the door; and

an ignition instruction detection sensor arranged to detect an operator's ignition instruction to the transportation device; wherein

the image capturing section is arranged to capture an image in synchronization with the ~~unlocking of the door and/or the opening or closing of the door~~ detection of the at least one of unlocking the door, opening the door, and closing the door; and

the display section is arranged to display the image captured by the image capturing section in synchronization with the ignition instruction to show the operator the surroundings of the transportation device in a stopped state.

Claim 2 (original): The surroundings exhibiting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the image capturing section captures an omnidirectional image with respect to the transportation device.

Claims 3-5 (canceled).

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Claim 6 (previously presented): The surroundings exhibiting system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a frame memory arranged to store image data of the multi-directional image captured by the image capturing section; wherein

the image data of the multi-directional image captured by the image capturing section is stored in the frame memory; and

a most recent image data among the image data stored in the frame memory is displayed on the display section upon the detection of the ignition instruction.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A surroundings exhibiting method of a transportation device, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting an unlocking of a door and/or an opening or closing of a door at least one of unlocking a door, opening the door, and closing the door;

starting capturing a multi-directional image of the surroundings of the transportation device in synchronization with the unlocking of the door and/or the opening or closing of the door detection of the at least one of unlocking the door, opening the door, and closing the door;

detecting an operator's ignition instruction to the transportation device; and

starting displaying at least a portion of the multi-directional image captured in the image capture step in synchronization with the ignition instruction to show the operator the surroundings of the transportation device in a stopped state.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for controlling a surroundings exhibiting system of a transportation device, the method comprising:

a process of detecting an unlocking of a door and/or an opening or closing of a door at least one of unlocking a door, opening the door, and closing the door;

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an image capture start process of causing an image capturing section to start capturing a multi-directional image of surroundings of the transportation device in synchronization with the ~~unlocking of the door and/or the opening or closing of the door~~ detection of the at least one of unlocking the door, opening the door, and closing the door;

a process of detecting an operator's ignition instruction to the transportation device;
and

a display start process of causing a display section to start displaying at least a portion of the image captured by the image capturing section in synchronization with the ignition instruction to show the operator the surroundings of the transportation device in a stopped state.

Claims 10-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): A computer-readable storage medium including a surroundings exhibiting system control program for causing a computer to execute the method as set forth in claim 9.

Claim 14 (canceled).